

REMARKS

In reviewing our file for the above-referenced application, we discovered that Preliminary Amendment A (filed July 18, 2003) was inadvertently submitted **without** markings to indicate changes that have been made relative to the immediate prior version of the claims (for the claims that were currently amended) as indicated in 37 CFR 1.121. Thus, to ensure compliance of Preliminary Amendment A with 37 CFR 1.121, we are transmitting this copy of Preliminary Amendment A **with** markings to indicate changes that have been made relative to the immediate prior version of the claims for the claims that were currently amended.

10 The application has been preliminarily amended to cancel without prejudice claims 1-10, 12-14, 19-30, 32, 33, 36, 40-45, 47-48, 50 and 55, to amend claims 11, 16-18, 31, 37-39, 46, 49, 51, 53-54, and 56, and to add new claims 57-73. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider new claims 57-73 before examination. Applicants respectfully assert that no new matter is added by the new claims.

15 This application is believed to be in allowable condition, and a notice to that effect is respectfully requested. The Examiner is invited to call the Applicants' Attorney at the number provided below with any questions.

20 The Applicant does not believe that any fees are due. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 24309-501.

Respectfully submitted,



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